

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-17, 21, 23-28 and 30-32 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 28 and 31 are amended and claims 29 and 33 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because the amendments place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth below. Thus, entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office Action's indication that claims 1-9, 11-17, 21 and 23-33 are allowed and that claims 29 and 33 contain allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, independent claim 28 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 29 and independent claim 31 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 33. Thus, each of independent claims 28 and 31 define patentable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-9, 11-17, 21 and 23-32 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **David C. Oren**, at the telephone number listed below.

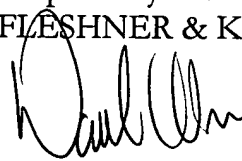
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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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